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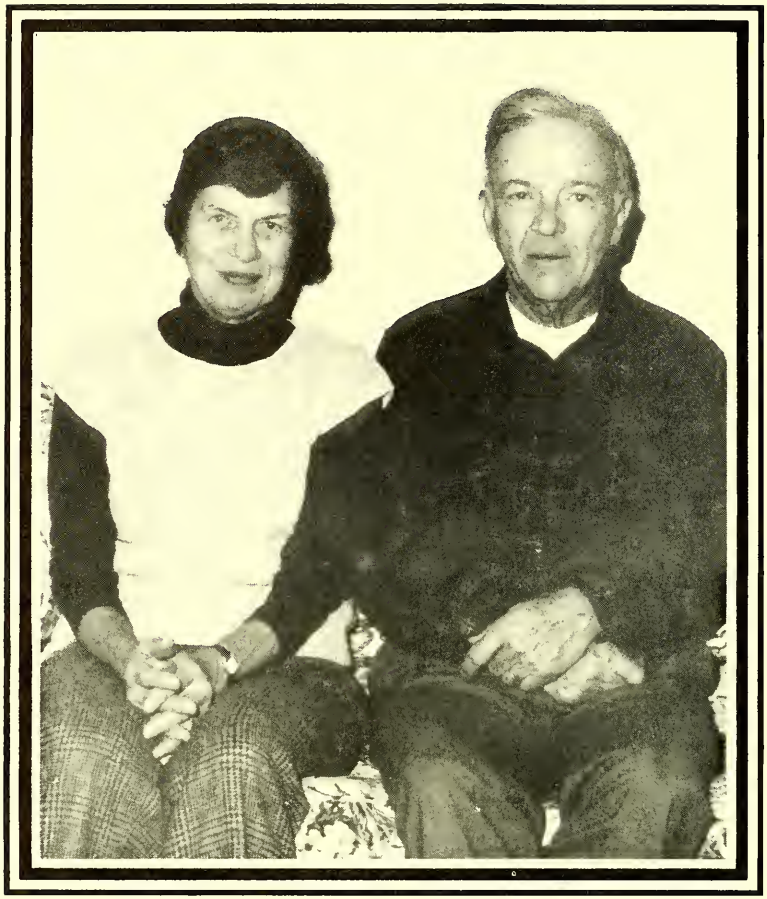

This Town Report
is dedicated to . . .

Carolyn and Charles Chase

Carolyn is a member and past president of the Kinsman Valley Club, a Supervisor of the Checklist and a Library Trustee.

Charles has served for several years as a Selectman.

Their genuine interest and dedication to Easton affairs and its people are appreciated and will long be remembered.

Town of Easton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1989

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

FRED MOODY	(Term expires 1990)
LEE STRIMBECK	(Term expires 1991)
WALTER WOODS	(Term expires 1992)

Town Clerk
BARBARA COLLIER

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
BERNICE CUTTER

Auditor
RALPH BRIGIDA

Fire Superintendent
STANLEY SHERBURN

Chief of Police
EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator
STEPHEN NORTH (1990)

Librarian
VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Supervisors of the Checklist

FONTELLE SILVER	(1990)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1992)
HELEN SOPER	(1994)

Recreation Committee

PAT CLARK
KATHY RADER

Trustee of the Trust Funds
DORIS NEY

Lafayette School Board
LEE STRIMBECK

Library Trustees

EUNICE WOODS	(1990)
MARGARET WHITCOMB	(1991)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1992)

Cemetery Trustees

PARKER TOWLE	(1990)
LEE STRIMBECK	(1991)
JOSEPH DUGGAN	(1992)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

BILL KENNEY	(1990)	MIKE GARVIN	(1991)
MARY ELLEN BARNES	(1991)	LEON J. WHITE	(1992)
JEAN DUGGAN	Alternate	ED CUTTER	Alternate
WALTER WOODS	(ex officio)	CHRIS THOMA	Alternate

Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

DENNIS FORD	(1990)	DONNA NORTH	(1991)
ROBERT EVERY	(1992)	KAY GLOVER	(1993)
LEE STRIMBECK	(ex officio)	BARBARA COLLIER	Alternate

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 1990. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. *(Ballot Vote)*

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck and related equipment.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of existing Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund and to place $6,700 plus interest into a Fire Truck Reserve Fund. (2/3 voice vote necessary)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Protection Capital Reserve Fund and to place said funds with accumulated interest to date into the Town's general fund. (Majority vote needed)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $90,200.00 for the purpose of constructing a fire house, purchasing a fire truck and equipping same in order to establish an Easton Fire Department, and to authorize the issuance of not more that $62,500.00 in notes and bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize the Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of $6,700.00 plus accrued interest from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund created for this purpose with the balance of $21,000.00 to be raised by general taxation. (2/3 ballot voted required)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to construct a fire house and to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,000.00 plus accumulated interest to be placed in this fund.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,425.00 for general Town operations:

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,100.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,200.00
Town Buildings	3,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00
Planning & Zoning	700.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	800.00
Building Inspection	500.00

Library	400.00
Cemetery	900.00
General Assistance	250.00
Contingency Fund	2,500.00
Tax Map Update	500.00
Police Department	4,050.00
Fire Department	13,650.00
General Highway Department Expenses	15,000.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Solid Waste Disposal	7,875.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Debt Service	4,000.00
TOTAL	$65,425.00

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for extra summer roadway improvement projects of the following roads as permitted:

Emulsion Seal - Paine Road
Cemetery Road
Gibson Road
Ruskin Road
Town Hall Loop

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $452.00 for Regional Associations in accordance with the following schedule:

North Country Council Inc.	$252.00
Tri-County Community Action	200.00

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the Easton-Franconia-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,507.00 for Regional Health Care Agencies in accordance with the following schedule:

Franconia FAST Squad	$300.00
Ross Ambulance Service	525.00
White Mt. Mental Health	197.00
North Country Home Health	304.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to replace the oil burner gun and related work at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 for work on the Town Hall water system.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,188.00 for operational expenses of the Franconia Recreational Program.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenue, if necessary.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, receive and expend, without further action, any grants or gifts which may become available during the year as set forth in the provisions of RSA 31:95-b.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to designate and proclaim April 22, 1990, as Earth Day 1990, and to set aside that day for public activities promoting preservation of the global environment and launching the "Decade of the Environment."

ARTICLE 18. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Frederick Moody
Walter Woods
Lee Strimbeck

Selectmen of Easton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen had a busy but routine year in 1989. The efforts to keep the town tax rate low have continued to pay off. The very low tax rate in 1989 resulted from economies made in both 1988 and 1989. A substantial balance was brought forward from 1988 to 1989.

The Selectmen reactivated the fire department study committee whose recommendation (see associated report) is to establish a small fire department in 1990. The selectmen support this recommendation. The planning board appointed a capital improvement committee in accordance with Article 27 which was approved by the voters last March. Its purpose is to plan the long range capital expenditures which will serve as the basis for future growth management.

An agreement was signed with Bethlehem Cable Co. (a division of Amrac) to serve all of Easton's households north of the National Forest. A telephone strike delayed an early start on the project and the current completion date is the fall of 1990.

The Tri-Town computer generated base/dispatch map has been completed. The two immediate uses of the map will be to facilitate emergency response services and to provide the Postal Service with a coordinated house numbering system. All homeowners should expect a new rural delivery address in the near future.

Charles Chase resigned during the year and Lee Strimbeck was appointed to fill out the remainder of his term. A special note of thanks goes to Charles and Carolyn Chase for their many active years of community service. Thanks Charlie - you'll surely be missed. Additionally, all volunteer board members deserve recognition for their commitment in making Easton a great place to live.

Walter Woods
Fred Moody
Lee Strimbeck

Special Note: Fred Moody's new position as town manager of Littleton will prevent his continuing as selectman in Easton. We will miss his professional contribution to Easton's Board.

Walter Woods
Lee Strimbeck

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the reports and accounts from the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Committee and Library Trustees of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1989. My examination was made in accordance with the New Hampshire code of Administration Rules Rev. 505.01 through 505.09 and generally accepted auditing standards as I deemed necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these reports and accounts present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1989.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
February 13, 1990

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand - Treasurer	$ 76,231.77
Cash on Hand - Library	80.07
Cash on Hand - Cemetery	110.07
Uncollected Taxes Levy of 1989	8,889.00
Uncollected Resident Taxes Levy of 1989	30.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund	21,156.29
Cemetery Funds	5,677.72
Library Funds	715.87
Total Assets	$112,890.79

LIABILITIES

School Tax Payable	$ 54,184.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund	21,156.29
Reappraisal Fund	6,758.46
Cemetery Funds	5,677.72
Library Funds	715.87
Total Liabilities	$ 88,492.34
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	$ 24,398.45

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1989	Actual 1989	Estimated 1990
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,540.00	$ 1,480.00
Yield Taxes	500.00	1,401.00	300.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	-0-	17.00	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues-State:			
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	2,000.00	2,027.00	2,000.00
Highway Block Grant	3,000.00	4,064.00	3,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues-Federal:			
National Forest	3,000.00	6,884.00	6,000.00
US Entitlement	1,200.00	1,314.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees & Titles	18,000.00	22,538.00	22,000.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties	150.00	217.00	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	150.00	198.00	150.00
Charges for Services:			
Income from Departments			
Planning & Zoning	100.00	215.00	100.00
Rent of Town Property	-0-	25.00	-0-
Reimb. from Peckett for snowplow	-0-	250.00	-0-
Charges for copies of Town records	-0-	87.00	-0-
NHMA Insurance Dividend	-0-	146.00	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Deposits General Tax	2,000.00	2,327.00	2,000.00
UCC's	-0-	19.00	-0-
Town Histories & Petty Cash	-0-	57.00	25.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds of Bonds & Long-Term Notes	-0-	-0-	62,500.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Fire Protection Fund	-0-	778.00	6,758.00
Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts	-0-	-0-	21,156.00
Income from Cemetery Fund	592.00	533.00	500.00
Interest on Fleet Bank CD	-0-	1,687.00	-0-
Total Revenues and Credits	$31,992.00	$46,324.00	$129,369.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Estimated 1989	Actual 1989	Estimated 1990
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salary	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,567.00	$ 2,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,613.00	3,100.00
Election & Registration Expenses	750.00	1,123.00	1,200.00
Cemeteries	-0-	900.00	900.00
General Government Buildings	3,200.00	2,902.00	3,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	2,323.00	500.00
Planning and Zoning	650.00	934.00	700.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	3,106.00	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Association	500.00	753.00	800.00
Contingency Fund	2,400.00	-0-	2,500.00
Tax Map Update			
Cartographic Associates	440.00	1,550.00	500.00
Article Regional Associations			
North County Council & Tri-Co.	404.00	404.00	452.00
Article Chamber of Commerce	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	4,000.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	3,300.00	3,439.00	4,050.00
Fire Department	12,000.00	9,200.00	13,650.00
Building Inspection	200.00	-0-	500.00
Article - Oil Burner	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
Article - Water System	-0-	-0-	4,500.00
Highways, Streets, & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	14,000.00	15,380.00	15,000.00
Snow Plow to be reimbursed by Peckett	-0-	250.00	-0-
Article - Oil Emulsion of Roads	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	12,000.00	8,565.00	7,600.00
Solid Waste Study	-0-	821.00	275.00
Health:			
Hospitals & Ambulances - Article	1,473.00	1,473.00	1,507.00
Welfare:			
General Assistance	100.00	-0-	250.00

Culture and Recreation:			
Library	400.00	400.00	400.00
Parks & Recreation - Article	1,463.00	1,463.00	2,188.00
Recreation	-0-	772.00	-0-
Conservation Commission	300.00	-0-	200.00
Debt Service:			
Check Return Fee	-0-	5.00	-0-
Capital Outlay:			
CIP - NCC	1,000.00	1,227.00	-0-
Article - Bond Issue Fire Department	5,000.00	5,000.00	90,200.00
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance	3,000.00	1,952.00	2,500.00
Meetings & State of NH	-0-	303.00	-0-
Tax Rebates	-0-	1,191.00	-0-
Other Rebates	-0-	70.00	-0-
Total Appropriations	$70,180.00	$71,686.00	$171,272.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			$129,369.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			$41,903.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall		
Land	$ 30,100.00	
Building	106,700.00	
Total 1989 Assessment		$136,800.00
Furniture and Equipment		3,300.00
Library - Furniture and Equipment		2,200.00
Police Department - Equipment		1,200.00
Fire Department - Equipment		1,100.00
Total		$144,600.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	$12,857,203.00
Buildings	11,585,050.00
Electric Utilities	542,275.00
Gross Valuation	24,984,528.00
Less Town Hall Land & Building	136,800.00
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	$24,847,728.00
Decrease in Net Valuation over 1988	$ 307,616.00

	1988 Tax Rate	%	1987 Tax Rate	%
TOWN	$ .37	6.51	$1.80	30.98
COUNTY	1.22	21.48	1.01	17.38
SCHOOL	4.09	72.01	3.00	51.64
TOTAL	$5.68/1000	100.00%	$5.81/1000	100.00%

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Registrations Minus $70 Refunds	$22,463.00
Titles	75.00
Dogs	206.00
Marriage Licenses	60.00
Histories	8.00
Filings	5.00
UCC'S	18.50
Penalties	11.00
Transfer Station Stickers	34.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Total Receipts	$22,905.50

Office Hours

Tuesday Morning	Thursday Afternoon
10AM - 12 Noon	4PM - 6PM

or

By Appointment

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriation	$ 70,180.00
Less Revenue and Credits	66,605.00
Net Town Appropriation	$3,575.00
Net School Tax	103,184.00
Net County Tax	30,692.00
Total Town - School - County	$137,451.00
Less Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	1,323.00
Add War Service Credits	1,200.00
Add Overlay	4,634.00
Property Tax To Be Raised	$141,962.00
Less War Service Credits	1,200.00
Total Tax Commitment	$140,762.00

TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1989 & Prior - Property & Resident Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of: 1989	Prior
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	$	$68,996.41
Resident Taxes		90.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	142,940.00	
Resident Taxes	1,340.00	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		236.00
Resident Taxes	130.00	10.00
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes	295.50	880.22
Fractions		3.24
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	275.68	572.36
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	8.00	9.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$144,989.18	$70,797.23

CREDITS

	Levies of: 1989	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	$134,346.50	$69,470.32
Resident Taxes	1,440.00	100.00
Interest on Taxes	275.68	572.36
Penalties on Resident Tax	8.00	9.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes		645.55
Resident Taxes		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	8,889.00	
Resident Taxes	30.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	$144,989.18	$70,797.23

1989 PROPERTY TAXES AND INTEREST DUE
12/31/89

	TAXES	INTEREST
Taxes Owed Town	$ 384.00	$
Berven & DeSimone	242.00	
Carignan, Richard & Theresa	413.00	24.98*
Casey, Charles & Barbara	35.00	
Clark, James W.	413.00	
Corbran, Kenneth & Harriet		7.92*
Dempsey, William E.	58.00	
Dexter, Russell & Laurie	341.00	
*Farhi, Jacques-Jane-Pamela	79.00	
Farren, Thomas & Beverly		5.63
*Freisinger, Alan F. & Linda Anne	231.00	
*Glover II, Robert & Katherine	842.00	50.94
*Farrell, Colette A.	54.00	
Kendall, Frederick	327.00	19.78
King, Chet & Ruth	506.00	30.61
*Landis, Susan S.	92.00	
*Leahy, Jr., Michael & Janice	71.00	
Ledzian, Althea M.	10.00	
Locke, Priscilla	352.00	
*Malpeso, Charlotte	223.00	5.39*
Matta, Edmund J.	97.00	
Peckett, Graydon	629.00	38.05
*Petraca, Ralph A. & Barbara A.	112.00	
Place, Vincent	248.00	
*Ruch, Jacques G.	669.00	
Shepard, David & Alice	457.00	
Sherburn, Stanley & Lorie	482.00	
*Steketee, Richard	380.00	
*Thurston, David & Coralie	184.00	
Treuman, Laura	395.00	10.71
Valentin, Jr., Julien	358.00	21.66
Varieur, Wilfred R. & Karen M.	9.00	
Volpe, William & Sharon	107.00	
Winter, Richard	89.00	
Totals	$8,889.00	$215.67

1989 Resident Taxes Due 12/31/89

		Penalty
Joanne Miller	$10.00	$1.00
Sterenberg, Arthur	10.00	1.00
Trueman, Laura	10.00	1.00
Totals	$30.00	$3.00

*Taxes paid after 12/31/89

Respectfully submitted,

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1989	$ 8,044.77
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	206,221.86
Barbara Collier, Town Clerk	22,977.50
Selectmen	130.50
Police Department	118.00
State of New Hampshire	12,975.10
Trust Funds	1,311.16
Timber Tax	1,401.04
Planning, Zoning & Subdivision	214.75
Miscellaneous	87.50
Robert Peckett	250.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	1,314.00
N.H.M.A. Insurance Dividend	145.93
Fleet Bank - C.D. Interest	1,687.56
Interest from General Fund	2,326.51
Total Receipts to General Fund	$251,161.41
Total Available Cash in General Fund	$259,206.18
1989 Selectmen Orders	182,974.41
Balance, January 1, 1990	$ 76,231.77

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes, 1988 Levy	$ 69,470.32
Property Tax Interests, 1988 Levy	463.36
Property Tax Costs, 1988 Levy	109.00
Resident Tax, 1988 Levy	100.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1988 Levy	9.00
Property Tax, 1989	134,346.50
Property Tax Interest, 1989	275.68
Resident Tax, 1989	1,440.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1989	8.00
Total	$206,221.86
From Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$ 22,533.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	77.00
U.C.C.	18.50
Dog Licenses (52)	206.00
Dog Penalties	11.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Marriage License	60.00
Histories	8.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Transfer Station Permits	34.00
Total	$ 22,977.50
From Selectmen:	
Building Permits	$ 81.00
Town Histories	24.50
Rent of Town Hall	25.00
Total	$ 130.50
From Police Department:	
Pistol Permits	$ 18.00
Donation-Franconia Life Squad (Hayseed)	100.00
Total	$ 118.00
From State of New Hampshire:	
Block Grant Aid	$ 4,064.09
Revenue Sharing Distribution	2,027.42
National Forest	6,883.59
Total	$ 12,975.10

From Trust Funds:	
Brenda Shannon	
Cemetery (Saver's Bank)	$ 532.95
Fire Protection Reserve (Saver's Bank)	778.21
Total	$ 1,311.16
Timber Tax:	
K.C. Chipping & Lumber	$ 1,029.00
Fenn Construction	18.20
David Thurston	246.93
Foreco (Sorg Property)	106.91
Total	$ 1,401.04
Planning & Zoning, Subdivision:	
Planning & Zoning	$ 55.50
Parker Towle, Newspaper Ad & Postage	36.40
Robert Patterson, Zoning Hearing	45.85
Mary Gospodarek, Sub-division Application	77.00
Total	$ 214.75
Miscellaneous:	
Current Use	$ 20.00
Assessment Cards (copies)	31.00
List of Town Property Owners - Rosemary Hall	20.00
Partial Listing of Residents - Hill Winds	5.00
Franconia Post Office - Tri-Town Map	11.50
Total	$ 87.50
Robert Peckett - Re-imbursement to Town for Purchase of Snow Plow from the State	$ 250.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	$ 1,314.00
N.H.M.A. - Property-Liability Insurance Dividend	$ 145.93
Fleet Bank - Interest to General Account on CD	$ 1,687.56
Interest from General Fund	$ 2,326.51
TOTAL	$251,161.41

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:	
Walter Woods	$ 500.00
Fred Moody	400.00
Charles Chase	199.98
Lee Strimbeck	166.65
Fontelle Silver	500.00
Barbara Collier	275.00
Bernice Cutter	275.00
Ralph Brigida	150.00
Stephen North	100.00
Total	$ 2,566.63
Town Officers' Expenses:	
Selectmen & Secretary	$ 866.43
Town Clerk: Barbara Collier	
Motor Vehicles	$ 446.50
Titles	78.00
Dogs	29.50
Marriage	27.00
Copies, U.C.C.	8.25
Rebate M.V.	7.00
Postage & Phone	15.37
Meetings, Meals & Mileage	103.88
Loring, Short & Harmon, Dog tags	13.50
N.H. Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	12.00
Maclean Hunter Market Report	17.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Total	$ 783.00
Town Tax Collector: Fontelle Silver	
Loring, Short & Harmon	$ 42.00
Harrison Publishing House	206.70
B.J. Labels	15.45
Postage	317.75
Total	$ 581.90
Town Treasurer: Bernice Cutter	
Stamps	$ 50.00
Deposit Slips	5.90
Littleton Office Supply - Binders for Records	80.50
Total	$ 136.40

Cartographic Associates:	
Dispatch Map	$ 25.00
Tax Map Maintenance	147.46
Tax Map Prints Easton	29.50
Total	$ 201.96
North Country Council (copies)	$ 28.00
Real Data Corporation Grants - Index Easton	$ 15.00
Election & Registration:	
Harrison Publishing House, Inc.	$ 805.00
Charles Chase -Reimb. for Postage & Town Reports	87.10
Town of Franconia - Advertising	35.00
Fontelle Silver	56.00
Helen Soper	56.00
Carolyn Chase	28.00
Rosemary Hall	16.00
Donna North	16.00
Eunice Woods	12.00
Bernice Cutter	12.00
Total	$ 1,123.10
Town Hall Expenses:	
Harris Energy, Inc.	$ 1,309.03
Public Service of New Hampshire	352.38
New England Telephone	393.03
Charles Chase, reimb. for Federal & State Flags	60.16
J. Cavanaugh & Son	405.00
Russell Towne - Photo for Town Hall	25.00
Walter Woods - Frame for Photo	9.22
Franconia Hardware	48.58
Franconia Gas	262.16
Edward Cutter	37.60
Total	$ 2,902.16
Police:	
Edward Cutter	$ 2,496.10
Training	217.40
Blackmount Veterinary Assoc.	60.00
Frederick Erb, D.V.M.	60.00
Franconia 8123 Phone	105.00
Grafton County 8123 Phone	425.00
Police Jacket (From Hayseed Donation)	75.00
Total	$ 3,438.50

Planning & Zoning:	
Cartographic Associates, Inc.	$ 35.75
North Country Council	87.50
BJ's Wordshop	197.45
Grafton County Register of Deeds Recording & Indexing	211.25
Carolyn Baldwin, Attorney at Law	340.00
Sherwin Dodge	31.50
Lee Strimbeck, ZBA Training	10.00
N.H. Municipal Association Lecture Mary Ellen Barnes, Jean Duggan	21.00
Total	$ 934.45
Fire Department:	
Town of Franconia - Fire Contract	$ 3,500.00
Town of Franconia - 8123 Phone	105.73
Town of Sugar Hill - Fire Contract	3,500.00
Town of Sugar Hill - Fire Calls (1989)	670.00
Grafton County - 8123 Easton Share	424.00
Twin State Mutual Aid Membership	1,000.00
Total	$ 9,199.73
Insurance:	
NH Municipal Workers Compensation Fund	562.00
Hunkins & Eaton Agency	$ 272.00
NH Municipal Assoc., Renewal Insurance	1,118.00
Total	$ 1,952.00
Transfer Station (Town Dump):	
Town of Franconia	$ 8,565.29
North Country Council-Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area Solid Waste District	821.00
Total	$ 9,386.29
Road Maintenance:	
Summer:	
Bob Peckett & Sons	$ 2,109.72
Carroll Wright	495.00
Robert Finn, Road Sign Kempton Drive	30.00
Total	$ 2,634.72
Winter:	
Bob Peckett & Sons	$ 12,052.59
AKZO Salt, Inc.	692.55
Total	$ 12,745.14

State of N.H. Dept. of Transportation		
Snow Plow to Peckett	$	250.00
Indian Head Bank - check returned fee	$	5.00
Easton Town Library	$	400.00
Town of Franconia - Recreation	$	772.11
Cemetery:		
Parker Towle - advance to pay cemetery expense	$	900.00
Legal Expenses:		
Moulton Law Firm	$	3,105.75
Regional Associations:		
N.H. Tax Collector Association, Dues	$	15.00
N.H. Municipal Association, Dues		400.00
N.H. Town Clerk Association, Dues		12.00
N.H. Municipal Secretary Association, Dues		10.00
Total	$	437.00
Advertising:		
Sherwin Dodge Planning & Zoning	$	220.75
Littleton Courier		45.00
Town of Franconia, School Election		18.37
Sherwin Dodge - Conservation Commission		31.50
Total	$	315.62
Refunds, Rebates and Abatements:		
Town Clerk: Motor Vehicles		
Rebate-Kenneth Bath	$	23.00
Refund-Joseph Pimental		47.00
Total	$	70.00
Rebate Taxes:		
Mrs. Anthony Anelauska	$	234.67
Douglas Amsbury '88		23.61
Lillian Bailey '88		13.34
William Goodhue '88		20.53
John & Priscilla Ingalls '88		20.53
Margaret Kenny '88		188.88
Priscilla Locke '88		57.48
Joseph & Helen Pimental '88		48.25
Gregory Sorg '88		177.58
Total	$	784.87

Refund Taxes:	
Harland Hutchins	$ 129.00
Paul Schlegel	137.50
Laurence & Jean Ring	29.00
Total	$ 295.50
Abatement:	
Norman Searle	$ 50.00
Charles & Doris Ney - Change on Assessment Card	$ 59.55
Selectmen Meetings:	
Charles Chase - N.H.M.A. - Regional Dinner	$ 15.00
Walter Woods - N.H.M.A. - Regional Dinner	15.00
Walter Woods - N.H.M.A. - Law Series	21.00
Walter Woods - Solid Waste Workshop & NCC Quarterly Meeting	17.00
Walter Woods - Concord D.R.A.	33.00
North Country Council Conference	41.25
Lee Strimbeck - N.H.M.A. Law Series	21.00
Lee Strimbeck - Concord D.R.A.	33.00
Total	$ 196.25
N.H. State Treasurer:	
Dog Licenses	$ 30.50
Marriage License	33.00
Grafton County Register of Deeds (Current Use)	43.25
Total	$ 106.75
Articles:	
12 (1987) Cartographic Association	$ 1,550.00
18 (1987) Thomas Walker - Town Re-Appraisal and Re-Appraisal (Cooley Property)	2,323.02
22 North Country Council	229.00
Tri Country Community Action Program	175.00
23 Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	1,000.00
24 Town of Franconia Recreation Program	1,463.00
25 White Mountain Mental Health	188.00
Franconia Fast Squad	300.00
Ross Ambulance	500.00
North Country Home Health Agency	304.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00
26 Trustee of Trust Funds, Fire Protection	5,000.00
27 North Country Council (C.I.P)	1,226.58
Total	$ 14,439.60

Grafton County:	
Tax, A.F. Stiegler III	$ 30,723.00
School Districts:	
Lafayette Regional School	$ 31,345.00
Profile School	49,223.00
Total	$ 80,568.00
Total Selectmen Orders 1989	$182,974.41

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

There were two burials during the year. No lots were purchased.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1989	$ 51.60
Receipts from Town	900.00
Total	$951.60

EXPENSES

James Cavanaugh, Caretaking	$800.00
Hardware	40.80
Other	.03
Total Expenses	$840.83
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1989	$110.77

Cemetery Lots Sold - none
Trust Fund Income - $532.95 - Direct to Town Treasurer
Net Cost to Town for Cemetery - $367.05

Joseph Duggan
Lee Strimbeck
Parker Towle

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31,1989

Cemetery Reserve Funds

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	With-drawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total Prin. & Inc. End of Year
1916	R.W. Young	$100.00	$	$	$100.00	$ 32.44	$ 7.64	$ 11.69	$ 28.39	$128.39
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	100.00			100.00	44.97	7.72	21.26	31.43	131.43
1937	Orin G. Bowles	200.00			200.00	187.98	18.01	44.09	161.90	361.90
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00			114.00	62.97	9.42	13.31	59.08	173.08
1949 & 79	Charles A. Young	300.00			300.00	87.75	22.90	24.19	86.46	386.46
1959	Florence Pease	200.00			200.00	127.81	17.01	21.01	123.81	323.81
1966 & 85	Whitcomb, Tabbutt	600.00			600.00	72.55	45.30	46.27	71.58	671.58
1970	Edson & Harriet Bailey	100.00			100.00	29.65	7.11	28.93	7.83	107.83
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25			71.25	39.73	5.70	16.00	29.43	100.68
1971	M. H. & Idamae Bowles	92.00	8.00		100.00	32.56	7.23	7.54	32.25	132.25
1971 & 89	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	100.00	100.00		200.00	27.00	12.15	.33	38.82	238.82
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	50.00			50.00	17.45	3.61	14.69	6.37	56.37
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	100.00			100.00	26.81	7.28	19.50	14.59	114.59
1973	L. Gerald Paine	750.00			750.00	217.71	65.04	97.82	184.93	934.93
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00			100.00	27.28	7.15	24.94	9.49	109.49
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00			100.00	21.00	7.37	11.38	16.99	116.99
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	200.00			200.00	32.17	14.13	32.50	13.80	213.80
1979	Merton Edney	100.00			100.00	16.29	7.29	9.02	14.56	114.56
1979	Clayton & Sadie Glover	192.00	8.00		200.00	38.27	14.12	13.31	39.08	239.08
1980	Margaret Wolff	92.00	8.00		100.00	16.71	6.87	6.67	16.91	116.91
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultz	300.00			300.00	47.75	21.28	48.94	20.09	320.09
1985	Wm. A. & Carol Bailey	192.00	8.00		200.00	11.53	13.48	11.86	13.15	213.15
1985	Stuart or Uncha Bowles	42.00	8.00	(2.00)	48.00	1.83	3.52	1.22	4.13	52.13
1988	Stewart & David Bowles	192.00	8.00		200.00	9.43	13.47	9.77	13.13	213.13
1988	Beulah Bowles	92.00	8.00		100.00	4.68	6.60	5.01	6.27	106.27
	TOTALS	$4,479.25	$156.00	(2.00)	$4,633.25	$1,234.32	$351.40	$541.25	$1,044.47	$5,677.72

All trusts are invested at the Dartmouth Bank

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31,1989

Capital Reserve Funds

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	With-drawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total Prin. & Inc. End of Year
1985	Fire Protection Contin. Fund	$ 2,000.00	$	$	$ 2,000.00	$ 633.63	$ 202.98	$111.08	$ 725.53	$ 2,725.53
1986	Fire Protection Contin. Fund	2,000.00			2,000.00	280.26	190.36	280.26	190.36	2,190.36
1987	Fire Protection Contin. Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	386.87	483.96	386.87	483.96	5,483.96
1988	Fire Protection Contin. Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	-0-	486.56	-0-	486.56	5,486.56
1989	Fire Protection Contin. Fund		5,000.00		5,000.00	-0-	269.88	-0-	269.88	5,269.88
	TOTALS	$14,000.00	$5,000.00	-0-	$19,000.00	$1,300.76	$1,633.74	$778.21	$2,156.29	$21,156.29

All trusts are invested at the Dartmouth Bank

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The year 1989 will always be special to the Life Squad. This year we provided many services to the three towns we cover, but to two of our residents we provided a very special service, that of our middle name or "LIFE"! As you may recall, in 1987 we purchased and became certified in the use of a defibrillator. Our training and this invaluable piece of equipment made all the years of training and retraining worthwhile when we were able to use it, and use it successfully, the first two times.

We assisted with the annual Hayseed Festival which again was a big success.

We provided another C.P.R. course to local residents.

We purchased new Air Bags to be used for Extrication/Rescue work.

The members of the Life Squad would like to once again thank you, the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, for your continued support of our Squad.

The following is a breakdown of our activity to the towns:

Chronic Medical Problems	12
Emergency Medical	32
Motor Vehicle Accidents	24
Death by Natural Causes	2
Homicide Investigations	1
Dry Runs	4
Household Emergencies	2
Athletic/Recreation Accidents	1
Drug/Emotional	1
Fire	1
Total	80

By Town Response:

Franconia	56
Sugar Hill	15
Easton	6
Other	3
Total	80

Squad Members: Bill Mead, Mary Ellen Gilbert, Steven Heath, Bill Hultgren, Mike Ford, Barbara Ford, David Southworth.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody, Chief
Franconia Life Squad

REPORT OF EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACCIDENTS:

In 1989 there were 11 accidents, that this department investigated and filed reports on. One accident had personal injuries. Three moose that I know of were hit in Easton on Rt. 112. One died while the others left on their own. Car damage was extensive.

BREAK-INS:

There were 7 break-ins this year with 4 solved by the State Police in connection with a case in another town. In another instance a racoon was apparently the culprit when he dropped through the ceiling.

DOGS:

It seems like some people like to lose their dogs in Easton. Several healthy dogs were found with collars and no ID. They were not claimed after a reasonable time and were put up for adoption.

REMEMBER: DOG LICENSES DUE BY MAY 1, 1990

There are new license fees for dogs this year:

Male	$7.00	Female	$7.00
Neutered Male	$4.50	Spayed Female	$4.50
	Owner Over 65	$2.00	

A $15.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st.

There were 241 calls for assistance, information, or concerns from the residents of Easton and other Police Agencies.

This department deeply appreciates the assistance of the State Police, Sheriff's Department, and the Franconia and Sugar Hill Police Departments.

Any Selectmens' requests have been taken care of and we thank them for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cutter
Police Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY

I. PERSONNEL

Most residents in town have been contacted regarding their willingness to participate in the proposed fire department. Of these, over 25 have expressed an interest in helping to protect our town. This number exceeds the Mutual Aid requirements.

II. TRAINING 1990 $2,000.00

Initial training will consist of certified leadership courses in firefighting for prospective officers. Personnel training will include basic firefighting courses available through state and local agencies. Additional training will be received from within this department and other area departments.

III. INSURANCE

Building & Contents	
$75,000 Coverage at	$111.00 per year
Vehicle	
$20,000	$584.00 per year
$15,000 Contents	
Liability	
Per 10 men	$106.00 per year
Workmans Comp	
Per 10 men	$196.50 per year

IV. BUILDING $45,000.00

Three estimates were submitted by local contractors, averaging approximately $45,000.00 for complete finished building per specs.

V. EQUIPMENT

A. Vehicle $20,000.00
Per Twin State specs or better

B. Equipment $15,000.00
1. Personal Gear
2. Tools
3. Hose Gear
4. Radios

VI. BUDGET 1990

I. Capital Purchases

A. Building	$45,000.00
B. Vehicle	20,000.00
C. Equipment	15,000.00
D. Purchase/Fees	2,000.00
E. 10% Budget Allowance	8,200.00
	$90,200.00

II. Operating Expenses	
A. Building - Heat & Lights	$2,300.00
B. Vehicle - Maint. & Registration	2,000.00
C. Training	2,000.00
D. Work. Comp. - per 10 men	196.50
E. Liability Insurance	106.00
F. Twin State Dues	150.00
	$6,752.50
III. Fire Protection Retainter Fee thru September 1, 1990	$6,500.00
IV. Budget 1991	
Operating	$5,000.00
Training	1,000.00
Bond Payment	

PRESENT TWIN STATE RATES FOR EQUIPMENT

Pumper	$ 300.00 per hour
Tanker	150.00
Standby	150.00
Ladder Truck	325.00
Van	50.00
Manpower	6.00
Hazardous Material & Crew	1,000.00

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Once again the Easton Fire Committee was active under the guidance of Lynn Tomasetti and Jim Cavanaugh. They produced a detailed and informative report on establishing a Fire Department in Easton.

A copy of this report was mailed and an informational hearing was held on February 7th at the Easton Town Hall.

The issue of Easton having its own department is not new, but still very important.

Please read and study this report and come to the Town Meeting to vote.

There were no fires in Easton in 1989.

Keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn
Fire Superintendent

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Again this past year only routine maintenance has been done on the roads.

Have proposed resurfacing some of the roads this coming year, both the gravel roads and the black-top ones, as some of them are breaking up badly along the shoulders.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Peckett, III

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

During calendar year 1989, the State of New Hampshire experienced an average number of wildfires. The three leading causes of these wildfires were fires kindled without a fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden, children, and debris burning fires that escaped control. All these causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. By New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27b), "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or caused to be burned any material, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done."

Violations of RSA 224:27 and the other burning laws of the state are misdemeanors punishable of fines up to $1,000.00 and /or a year in jail, and you are also liable for paying all fire suppression costs.

The State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands assisted many towns in wildland fire suppression during 1989, including several large fires in Allenstown, Alton, Chesterfield, Concord areas, as well as the 100 acre fire on Mt. Belknap in Gilford.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or the Division of Forest and Lands at 271-2217.

John Q. Ricard, Forest Ranger
Edward Cutter, Forest Fire Warden
Walter Woods, John (Bill) Kenney, Dennis Ford
Deputy Wardens

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1989

Number of Fires Statewide	550
Acres Burned Statewide	554

DISTRICT

Number of Fires	16
Acres Burned	16.5

TOWN - EASTON

Number of Fires	0
Acres Burned	0
Permits Issued in Easton	48

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

		Bank	On Hand
Cash Balance - January 1, 1989		$ 62.63	$1.15
RECEIPTS			
Receipts during the year:			
Town of Easton	$400.00		
Kinsman Valley Club Book Sale	16.25		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$416.25	0.00
EXPENDITURES			
Librarian's Salary	$225.00		
Books Purchased	174.96		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$399.96	0.00
Cash Balance, December 31, 1989		$78.92	$1.15

Balance, December 31, 1989:	
Sadie N. Glover & Helen J. Young Memorial Fund	$667.08
Dadja Merwin Memorial Fund	48.79*

*Bank service charges of $18.00 will be credited back to Dadja Merwin fund in 1990.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Media Van made 11 trips to Easton in 1989. We borrowed 362 books. There were 4 books donated to the Library and 84 paperbacks were also given. Thanks to all. Fifteen new books were bought.

Books sold and discarded	140
Number of visitors	123
Number of readers	19

All L.P. Records discarded

Books Loaned:

Adult fiction	314
Adult non-fiction	122
Juvenile and magazines	42
Total circulation	478

The Library is open from 2 to 4 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

RECREATION PROGRAM

Summer Recreation Program

The summer program, again under the direction of Karen Smith, had an active, successful season. Jeannie Serino returned as the swimming instructor and improved the aquatic skill of over 90 children. We welcomed Kathy Stroup and Linda Sawicki to our staff and were pleased to have Jennifer Peters back as an assistant activities supervisor. All of the children enjoyed hiking, biking, tubing and discovering the wonders of many local attractions. Our younger children were treated to weekly story hours at the library and theater excursions to Lincoln; the older group took advantage of golf instruction at the Ammonoosuc Inn, as well as soccer and rock climbing clinics. The summer was highlighted by a second annual trip to The Whale's Tale and a season's end beach trip to Wallis Sands.

Purpose of Appropriation	1989 Approp.	1989 Actual	1990 Proposed
Wages	$ 6,400.00	$ 6,847.80	$ 8,000.00
Payroll Taxes	600.00	827.92	1,000.00
Insurance	350.00	787.00	150.00
Bus Rental	1,800.00	2,078.00	2,000.00
Pool Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	650.54	700.00
	$10,250.00	$12,191.26	$12,850.00

Summer Baseball Program

Under the volunteer coaching of a dedicated group of parents, the summer baseball league fielded four teams, with 82 children participating. Jeff Hultgren, Greg Connors, and Jim McIntosh led the Little League team to another All Star Championship. Mike Dickinson and Bill Mead coached a large and ever-improving farm team and Gary Harwood and Chris Collman started a large number of boys and girls in an instructional league. Hal Tuttle again coached a hard working group of 20 girls on the softball squad. This is a very active program which will probably sport five teams this coming summer so we will need lots of parental and community support!! Our grateful THANKS to Dave Sullivan for his years of supervising the baseball program!

Purpose of Appropriation	1989 Approp.	1989 Actual	1990 Proposed
Equipment	$ 925.00	$ 583.23	$ 800.00
Insurance	325.00	316.25	325.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	-0-	150.00
	$ 1,400.00	$ 899.48	$ 1,275.00

Winter Recreation Program

The Skating Rink enjoyed one of its busiest years ever in a winter of very limited snowfall. The rink was open from December to March, averging 60 hours a week of public skating and 85 hours weekly during vacations.

The Junior Flyers hockey team (ages 10-13) finished with a perfect 8-0 record. Our thanks go to coaches Barry Field and David Wood. The instructional Flyers (ages 5-9) topped off a great season with wins over Berlin and Littleton. Our thanks to Jim Cavanaugh for a job well done.

Purpose of Appropriation	1989 Approp.	1989 Actual	1990 Proposed
Icemaking	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,799.68	$ 2,750.00
Utilities	1,500.00	1,372.12	1,700.00
Insurance	80.00	199.53	200.00
Supervision	500.00	338.44	500.00
Miscellaneous	600.00	-0-	600.00
	$ 5,180.00	$ 4,709.77	$ 5,750.00
TOTAL	$16,830.00	$17,800.51	$19,875.00

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board reviewed and approved two subdivisions this year, one in Wildwood and one on the Paine Road, creating a total of five lots. We also visited a gravel pit for primarily educational purposes. This next year, we'll be reviewing the State laws on local regulations of sand and gravel excavations and how other towns are handling this. Any proposed excavation regulations for Easton will be discussed in public meetings and hearings.

We have spent some meetings discussing future land use scenarios for the town, given the Town's characteristics, the needs of its residents, and our place in the region. There have been some excited discussions about how to effectively preserve what is uniquely Easton, the possibility of a village center some time in the future, the relationship between the availability of services and population growth, and lot sizes. We hope to present a well thought-out future land use map to the public for discussion. The Board did not propose any zoning changes this year, since we undertook quite a number last year, and because we wanted to be clear about the direction that we wanted our zoning ordinance to go.

The Board appointed a subcommittee, the Capital Improvements Program Committee, to help prepare an inventory of the Town's capital needs and an assessment of the Town's revenues, expenditures, and potential financial resources. Based on fiscal policies, the urgency of the various projects, and land use and community service goals, the Committee has prepared a preliminary priority list, and will be passing along to the Planning Board its recommendations. The Planning Board will review and possibly amend the CIP and hold a public hearing. The Capital Improvements Program is an advisory document which helps the Town look ahead financially, and is intended to be updated each year. The Board appreciates the time and ideas contributed by Committee members Jim Collier, Ed Cutter, Rob Wurtzdorf, and Stan Sherburn. Rusty White and Mary Ellen Barnes represented the Planning Board on the Committee.

Two members stepped down during the year, alternates Paul Schlegel and Louisa Kenney. We appreciated their observations, questions and opinions, and endurance on subdivision site visits! Ed Cutter, who last March decided not to run again for the Board couldn't stay away, and graciously agreed to serve as an alternate. In addition, as vacancies were created, we appointed Jeanne Duggan and Chris Thoma to also serve as alternates.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The year 1989 marked the North Country Council's seventeenth year of successful operation. As chartered under NH RSA 36:45, the Council provides non-profit local and regional planning assistance to member municipalities. In addition to general planning services, the Council offers its constituents specialty services in cultural resource conservation, economic development, housing, natural resource management, solid waste management and transportation. The four standing Council committees, Economic Development, Housing, Land Use and Transportation, actively direct the Council's policies in these areas.

In Easton, the Council worked with the Planning Board's designated CIP Advisory Committee to develop the town's first Capital Improvements Program. The Council also coordinated the solid waste planning efforts of the Upper Grafton-Lancaster Area Solid Waste District. Services provided include negotiating and managing the district contract with Wehran Engineering, organizing district meetings, developing the RSA 53-B District Agreement, and organizing the district's subcontractors. The Council also provided individual communities with technical assistance on recycling options.

Community planning challenges dominated the Council's 1989 agenda. Changing state mandates and furthered residential and commercial growth busied local planning and zoning boards throughout the year. The Council assisted these boards in preparing for the challenges through regional workshops, technical bulletins and newsletters and as-needed assistance on technical and specific issues. The Council co-sponsored the popular Municipal Law Lecture Series which addressed new case law, grandfathering and the revised excavation statute. The Council also assisted numerous towns in revising zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and site plan review regulations, thereby updating these regulations to better meet and manage the new challenges.

The Council's 1989 work program continued to promote community development projects, as well. Managing close to two million dollars in Community Development Block Grant monies, the Council administers programs in ten North Country communities. Many are housing improvement programs, yet others support sewer projects, day care development, and municipal water supply projects.

In summary, it is important to understand that the Council is organized to provide these valuable services for the benefit of our local town governments. The Council's continued success in meeting the ever-changing demands of the North Country is dependent upon the active participation of our members. We rely upon and enjoy your involvement as town officials and concerned citizens, and look forward to assisting you in this coming year.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Easton Conservation Commission was voted in at Town Meeting one year ago. We have spent the year attempting to define our role, creating by-laws, establishing a preliminary natural resource inventory, attending various educational workshops, exploring the State Wetlands Board's regulations and working with both the Trust for New Hampshire Lands and the NH Department of Agriculture to try to put approximately 340 acres of land into conservation easement.

The State of New Hampshire's Wetlands Board has the responsibility of protecting the state's valuable wetlands resources through the implementation of a regulatory permitting process. The Wetlands Board looks to the local conservation commission to investigate applications and to make recommendations. Please cooperate with us in this matter by checking with the conservation commission to determine if an application is necessary for work you plan to do in and around wetlands. This includes any work done in and around stream beds (including intermittent streams), installation of culverts, and the digging of some ponds. Because we are new to the process, your patience will be appreciated.

Brenda Shannon, Chairperson
Conservation Commission

KINSMAN VALLEY CLUB

A calendar for the Kinsman Valley Club and events to take place during 1990.

Club Meetings	first Tuesday of each month
Town Election Day - 3:00 to 6:00 PM	Tuesday, March 13
Town Meeting - 7:30 PM	Tuesday, March 13
Summer Fair	Saturday, August 4
Fire Wardens Supper	Thursday, October 25
Holiday Party	Saturday, December 15

The Kinsman Valley Club is the only service organization in Easton. Its object is to promote a spirit of unity in the community and its activities.

Since its inception, the Kinsman Valley Club has remained a strong and cohesive force for coordinating and completing projects for the common good of Easton's people.

It is open to all women who wish to participate in community service in Easton.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia - Easton - Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce has continued to serve the tri-towns in many areas. The Executive Director, who is paid solely from chamber dues, has continued to streamline operations and make the information booth a place for community services as well as information for visitors.

The booth attendants continue to help visitors find area lodging, dining, activities and services. They mail out area information in response to both letters and phone calls. They assist new residents in becoming familar with dump hours, where the stores are, what services are available, etc. They aid residents with service directories and local information.

During summer and early winter when travelers were just driving up rather than making reservations ahead, the booth attendants were critical in directing visitors to stay in the area and use local facilities and businesses. While tourism was down statewide, we saw a 20-40% increase in people stopping at the booth requesting assistance.

To further direct these drive-up travelers to the area, cooperative ads were done to highlight the beauty and serenity of the tri-towns. The result is that our tourism business showed the least decline of any area in the state!

The Chamber has also served the towns by having a map printed of all the back roads which has been very popular with local delivery trucks, foliage seekers and residents wanting an accurate map of the towns. (They are available for $1.00 at the booth.) The map was also enlarged, coded for local businesses and will be mounted at the booth as a reference for travelers and residents alike when the booth is not open.

A community calendar has been started and the information distributed to 32 different outlets for free publication in "Things To Do" calendars. Anyone sponsoring an event is encouraged to call the chamber with pertinent information and we will distribute the information for you.

As we look ahead to 1990, we will continue to coordinate community events, such as the Frostbite Follies, and participate whenever possible. Throughout the coming year, we hope to sponsor more events in each of the towns to bring residents together. The Community Calendar will be expanded for easier scheduling by the many area organizations.

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1989

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME & SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
July 20, 1989 Littleton, NH	Timothy Richard Hunt	James A. Hunt	Sheila M. Walker

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1989

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME, RESIDENCE & OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
July 8, 1989 Sugar Hill, NH	Christopher L. Cushing Margaret M. Warren	Easton, NH Easton, NH	Robert Pollard, III Vicar Sugar Hill, NH
July 8, 1989 Franconia, NH	Joel C. McKenzie Constance E. Dyer	Franconia, NH Easton, NH	Rev. Leo Lefebvre Pastor Lisbon, NH
September 16, 1989 Sugar Hill, NH	Jon Place Floraine L. Robinson	Easton, NH Easton, NH	Hal Tuttle Justice of the Peace Franconia, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1989

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH	NAME & SURNAME OF DECEASED	NAME & SURNAME OF FATHER	NAME & SURNAME OF MOTHER
December 30, 1989	Gertrud Schulmann	Dagobert Schulmann	Dora Hammer

Emergency Telephone Number

8123

Police - Fire

Medical Emergency

Police Officer

Ed Cutter 823-8548

Fire Superintendent

Stanley Sherburn 823-5649

Fire Warden

Ed Cutter 823-8548

Town Clerk's Hours

Tuesday Morning	Thursday Afternoon
10 AM - 12 Noon	4 PM - 6 PM

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 1990

Up to date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER

is required in Easton to License a dog.

A $15.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st.

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